(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for the low quality of our engineering students and measures proposed to be taken to make them employable in the industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. As per information given by the Department of Information Technology, the NASSCOM in their Report "NASSCOM Perspective 2020: Transform Business, Transform India" have indicated employability rate of 26 % for engineering graduates, A working group was constituted by the Ministry to examine the issues raised by NASSCOM. The Working Group has, *inter-alia,* recommended Finishing Schools for engineering graduates to enhance their employability, changes in the syllabi of various engineering colleges so as to make them compatible with the needs of the industry etc. For the present Finishing Schools are being organized by the IT sector to alleviate the problem.

Elections to students' unions in universities

2534. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Central universities where elections to students' unions have been conducted since January, 2009 till date, university-wise;

(b) the details of central universities where unions are functioning at present and where the same have been dissolved from January, 2009 till date;

(c) whether elections to students' unions in Jamia Millia Islamia, BHU, AMU and Allahabad universities were conducted this year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, university-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) According to the information provided by the Central Universities, elections to students' unions have been conducted since January, 2009 only in the University of Delhi.

(b) Students' union is functioning at present in University of Delhi and a Students' Council is functioning in Banaras Hindu University. The students' union in University of Hyderabad was dissolved on 20th August, 2009.

(c) No Sir.

(d) According to information provided by the concerned universities:

In Jamia Milia Islamia, a Committee in the University is continually reviewing the issue and it has been felt that any minor incident during the election process can spark off disruption on the campus and seriously impede and disrupt the Academic Calendar.

In Banaras Hindu University, a University Students' Council is functioning satisfactorily since 2007 in place of students' union.

In Aligarh Muslim University, in view of the past history of violence, elections to students' union is not being conducted.

In Allahabad University, no student body has been constituted.

Minorities status for Central universities

2535. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESROUCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of central universities which have been given minority status, State-wise;

(b) the criterion for granting minority status to universities;

(c) the details of facilities given to those institutions/universities which have been granted minority status;

(d) whether Government will grant minority status to Jamia Millia Islamia; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) Section 2(1) of the Aligarh Muslim University Act, 1920 defines the University as 'the educational institution of their choice established by the Muslims of India, which originated as the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College, Aligarh and which was subsequently incorporated as the Aligarh Muslim University', Section 5(2)(c) of the Act empowers the University 'to promote especially the educational and cultural advancement of the Muslims of India. In view of this, the Central Government treats Aligarh Muslim University in the State of Uttar Pradesh as a minority institution within the meaning of Article 30(1) of the Constitution of India. However, the question relating to minority institution status of Aligarh Muslim University is pending before the Hon'hle Supreme Court of India where the interpretation of the term 'establishing' a University, as was laid down in the "Azeez Basha' matter is under challenge. Universities with minority status enjoy the rights under Article 30(1) of the Constitution.

The demand for grant of minority status to Jamia Millia Islamia, a Central University established under the Jamia Millia Islamia Act, 1988, has been received from certain quarters. The orders of the Supreme Court in the AMU matter will have a bearing on the issue relating to the minority character of Jamia Millia Islamia, which is pending before the Hon'ble National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions.

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†2536. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.